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SUBJECT: BUSINESS COSTS IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK

REFS: A. STATE 273180

B. JERUSALEM 1312

1. CONGEN HAS REVIEWED BUSINESS COSTS IN LIGHT OF CHANGES  
RESULTING FROM ISRAEL'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY AND REPORTS  
FOLLOWING CHANGES:

SECTION I PARA 1. - MONTHLY COST FOR RENTING AN OFFICE 16  
SQUARE METERS OF SPACE IS ABOUT \$263.

PARA 2. - COST FOR INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE IS \$231. COST  
TO CALL U.S. IS \$12 FOR THE FIRST THREE MINUTES AND \$4 FOR  
EACH ADDITIONAL MINUTE.

PARA 3. - COST OF INSTALLATION OF TELEX IS \$235.  
TELEXPRINTER MUST BE PURCHASED BY USER. COST TO US IS  
\$3.75 PER MINUTE. BI-MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE IS \$43.

PARA 4 - APPROXIMATE ANNUAL SALARIES:

A. HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVE \$11,000.

B. MIDDLE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS \$8,300.

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C. TECHNICIANS \$6,500.

D. SECRETARIES \$4,000; FLUENT IN ENGLISH \$4,720.

E. SKILLED WORKERS \$5,000.

F. UNSKILLED WORKERS \$3,200.

SECTION 1, PARA 6 - PRESENT MINIMUM RATE IS 25 PERCENT ON INITIAL \$3,250. ANNUAL EARNINGS AND MAXIMUM 60 PERCENT ON ALL ANNUAL INCOME ABOVE \$9,300.

SECTION II, PARA 1 - APPROXIMATE COST OF HIRING A TAXI FOR IN-TOWN USE IS \$6.50 PER HOUR INCLUDING WAITING CHARGES. FOR OUT-OF-TOWN USE \$29 PER 100 KILOMETERS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE WAITING CHARGES.

PARA 2 - RATE OF LOCALLY RENTED FOUR-PASSENGER CAR IS \$11.20 PER DAY, PLUS \$3.30 PER DAY COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE AND \$0.11 PER KILOMETER. FOR RENTAL OF SEVEN OR MORE DAYS, THE RATES ARE \$9.60 PER DAY PLUS \$3.30 PER DAY COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE AND \$0.11 PER KILOMETER. PICK-UP TRUCKS MAY BE RENTED FOR \$24 PER DAY PLUS \$3.30 PER DAY COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE AND \$0.20 PER KILOMETER.

SECTION IV, PARA 1 - TOP HOTELS FOR BUSINESSMEN:

A. INTERCONTINENTAL \$28 SINGLE, 37 DOUBLE

B. HILTON \$41 SINGLE, 47 DOUBLE PLUS 15 PERCENT SERVICE

C. AMERICAN COLONY HOTEL \$13 SINGLE, 31 DOUBLE  
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PARA 3 - BREAKFAST \$3.60, LUNCH \$7.50, DINNER \$9.00

SECTION VI, PARA 2 - RADIO ADVERTISING COSTS: \$60.00  
FOR HALF MINUTE DURING MORNING AND NOON HOURS. 50 PERCENT LESS  
DURING EVENING HOURS.

SECTION IX, PARA 1 - EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATES ACCORDING TO  
DEMAND AND SUPPLY. BANK OF ISRAEL PUBLISHES AT THE END  
OF EACH DAY A REPRESENTATIVE RATE. ON DEC. 1, 1977 THE  
RATE WAS IL 15.24 TO THE DOLLAR. VAT HAS GONE UP FROM  
8 PERCENT TO 12 PERCENT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1977.

2. ALL OTHER COSTS REPORTED IN REFTEL REMAIN UNCHANGED.  
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